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1. CEAUSESCU'S CPSU CONGRESS SPEECH (SCINTEIA, FEBRUARY 27) STRIKES US AS BRIEF AND COOL COMPARED TO PREVIOUS (1971) CPSU CONGRESS APPEARANCE, WHICH WAS ITSELF HARDLY EFFUSIVE. WHILE IT RETAINS POLITE PERSIFLAGE, ADJECTIVES CONNOTING WARMTH IN ROMANIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE MOSTLY ABSENT, AND CONDENSED FOREIGN POLICY SECTION MANAGES TO CONVEY HARD CORE OF ROMANIA'S INDEPENDENT LINE WITHOUT, HOWEVER, GRATUITOUS ABRASION.

2. DISCOUNTING ANY IMPLICATION THAT BREZHNEV'S WARNINGS AGAINST VARIOUS FORMS OF REVISIONISM INCLUDED ROMANIA, CEAUSESCU BLUNTLY DEFENDS RCP'S "MARXIST-LENINIST POLICY" AS FULLY RESPONSIVE TO VITAL INTERESTS OF ROMANIAN WORKERS AND CAUSE OF WORLD SOCIALISM AND PEACE. HE OMITTS MENTION OF WARSAW PACT AND BLOC MILITARY COOPERATION, DISMISSES CEMA IN SENTENCE LIMITED TO "IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPLEX PROGRAM", SETS MERE "COMRADELY COOPERATION" WITH USSR IN CONTEXT OF ROMANIA'S COOPERATION WITH "ALL" COMMUNIST PARTIES AND SOCIALIST STATES (MEANING CHINA), ACCENTS NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER AND PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, NON-USE OF THREAT OF FORCE, AND NON-INTERFERENCE, AND NOTES BALKAN COOPERATION AND NON-NUCLEAR PEACE ZONE AND MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT MEASURES IN CSCE CONTEXT. HE SLIGHTLY REFERS TO ECPC ONLY AS "FRUITFUL AND DEMOCRATIC EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND OPINIONS", AND REASSERTS "NEW UNITY" OF COMMUNIST MOVEMENT
BASED ON RIGHT OF EACH PARTY TO CHOOSE ITS OWN WAY. ALL THIS, WHILE NOTHING NEW, CONTAINS VIRTUALLY NO DEFERENCE TO MOSCOW ON ESSENTIALS. SCINTEIA ACCOUNT HAS SPEECH'S FOREIGN POLICY SECTION BROKEN BY APPLAUSE ONLY ONCE, AFTER MENTION OF COOPERATION WITH USSR.

3. SCINTEIA ITEM ON CEAUSESCU'S ARRIVAL IN BUCHAREST STATES THAT REST OF DELEGATION REMAINS IN MOSCOW, AND USE OF PRESENT TENSE FOR CEAUSESCU'S "PARTICIPATION" INDICATES HE WILL PROBABLY RETURN FOR CONGRESS'S CONCLUSION.

4. SCINTEIA HAS GIVEN CPSU CONGRESS ORDINARY COVERAGE, EXCEPT THAT BREZHNEV'S SPEECH RECEIVED GENEROUS PAGE-AND-HALF IN EXCERPT FORM. HOWEVER, ALL PHRASES WHICH COULD BE TAKEN AS ANTI-CHINESE WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DELETED,
INCLUDING BREZHNEV'S REFERENCES TO COMMUNIST DEVIATIONISTS.

5. COMMENT. WE AGREE WITH REFTTEL THAT CEAUSESCU PROBABLY IS IN FACT DILUTING IMPACT OF HIS ATTENDANCE AT CONGRESS. WE NOTE THAT IN 1971 CEAUSESCU STAYED ALL TEN DAYS AND EVEN WENT ON A JUNKET TO AZERBAIDZHAN.
HIS PARTICIPATION THIS TIME AROUND IS SHAPING UP TO BE

CONSIDERABLY LESS.

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